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NATIONAL BAPTIST MEET JANUARY 18 - 20, 1955

The regular mid-winter meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Baptist Convention Inc. will be held in the National Bapt. Bath House, 501 Malvern St.

A special executive session is called by Dr. Jackson, President of the Convention Tuesday, Jan. 18, 1955 at 3:30 at the Bath House. The special pre-convention program will be held Tuesday evening at 8:00. The important business of the Directors are: the Convention's budget and the completion of plans for the observance of the Diamond Jubilee celebration in September, 1955.

ness that will claim the attent-

All members of Board of Directors and interested pastors and laymen are urged to attend.

Wife Of Knights And Dtrs. Head Funeralized

Funeral services for Mrs. Priscilla J. Smith, 69, was held Thursday morning, December 30 at 11:00 o'clock from the First Baptist Church, Mound Bayou, Mississippi.

Mrs. Smith died Sunday morning, December 26, at 1:20 o'clock at her home in Mound Bayou, Mississippi following a lengthy illness. Her long life of Christian service began in 1900 when she was converted.

As wife of the administrator of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor much of the progress and

success of the organization may be attributed to the loyal assistance that she gave her husband through the years. Mrs. Smith served efficiently as Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Baptist State Convention for more than 35 years; president of the Bolivar County Baptist Association for some 30 years; president of the Mound Bayou Civic Club, a faithful worker in all of the auxiliaries of the First Baptist Church, and Queen Mother of Sweet Home Tent No. 21 of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor.

Dr. H. H. Humes, Mrs. E. D. McGowan and Mrs. Allie T. Adams bespoke on her life and work in the General Baptist State Convention and County Association. Rev. H. C. Cherry read the scripture and Rev. J. L. Joiner offered prayer. Mrs. Suol Ishmon acknowledged statements. "The Lord's Prayer" by Malotte was beautifully rendered by Miss Elmira Daniels.

She leaves a husband, Mr. P. M. Smith, Mound Bayou, 5 sons: Perry A. Smith, Sr., Indianapolis, Ind., Dr. O. G. Smith, Clarksdale, Miss., Daniel M. Smith, Cleveland, Miss., Rev. Kelly M. Smith, Nashville, Tenn., Kemper H. Smith, Mound Bayou; one daughter, Mrs. Zeraline Smith Verner, East Orange N. Jersey, 12 grandchildren, two sisters, four brothers and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends to mourn her passing.

Interment was in the Mound Bayou Cemetery.

S. S. AND B. T. U. CONGRESS HOLD MASS MEETING JANUARY 14

The State Sunday School and BTU Congress is holding a Mass Meeting at the First Baptist Church, Sunflower City, Miss., pastored by Rev. J. M. Coleman, Friday, January 14, 1954 at 10:00 A.M.

In this meeting all receipts and disbursements of the annual Congress in Clarksdale will be read for approval as well as information for the Congress and the Program for the Extra Session of

Sunday School and B. T. U. Congress will be made in this meeting.

We expect our Pastors, as well as the officers, and Co-Workers of the entire State to be present.

Dinner will cost \$1.00. The President of the General Baptist State Convention is asked to be present.

Thank you.
Yours to serve.

Rev. J. W. Gayden

NEGRO ORGANIZATION FOR 1955 POLIO DRIVE MINIMUM QUOTA \$2,000 JANUARY 5, 1955

Dear citizen:

You have been selected to serve in the Polio Drive. We hope that you will accept this responsibility in this worthy cause.

We are asking you to be present at a general meeting Monday night, January 17, 1955 at 7:30, at the Colored YMCA, 618 Nelson St.

Rev. H. H. Humes, Overall Chairman, W. M. Holmes, Treas., J. H. Turnipseed, Co-Chairman, Charlie Burton, Secretary.

Charge of Cans

Charles Patterson, H. Myles.

Voc. And Trades \$100.00

G. J. Bacon, Chairman, Charles Wiley, Assistant J. W. McGhee, Assistant.

Professional Donations \$100.00

Dr. C. E. Holmes, Chairman Churches

Rev. M. M. Morris, Chairman; Rev. S. W. Foster, Assistant; Rev. G. H. Houghton, Asst.; Rev. J. F. Asst.

Redmond, Asst. Rev. W. L. Smith, Asst. Rev. W. L. Richardson, Asst.

POLICEMAN CARRAWAY JR., Reinstated Pending Action

Clarksdale, Miss. - City Policeman of Clarksdale, Marvin Carraway, Jr., who is under bond for manslaughter in the shooting of Isiah Williams Thursday night, December 9, 1954, was reinstated to duty following the shooting.

Police Chief Joe Herring said that Patrolman Carraway would be assigned to desk sergeant duties pending action of the court.

The shooting of Williams will come before the grand jury when it convenes Monday, January 10, 1955 at the regular term of Circuit Court in Coahoma County. Williams was shot and killed while fleeing from policeman in a Thursday night, December 9, chase leading from Yazoo near Fourth out of the Friars Point Road to a point just north of Coahoma Jun. Col. The policemen were attempting to arrest Williams, a Negro Waiter for driving recklessly.

A charge of murder was changed to manslaughter at a hearing Friday, December 10 and Carraway was replaced by policeman while H. Chase as desk sergeant while Mr. Chase took the patrolman's duties as guard car partner of Patrolman W.M. McNeer, Chief Herring said that he felt that this arrangement would be to the benefit of all concerned.

The reinstatement of Officer Carraway to duty was announced by the Board of Mayor and Commissioner at its regular meeting.

The announcement was made after the board heard comments from a group of 33 Negro citizens who appeared at the session.

Speaking first from the Negro delegation was the Rev. S. L. A. Jones of Clarksdale who resides in Clarksdale, owns a printing establishment that retails Baptist literature from the publishing houses including usher badges, etc. Jones also pastors the Spangle Baptist church in Arkansas. It is alleged that Rev. Jones said he knew nothing about the facts. It is alleged that Rev. Jones said of the shooting except what he read in the paper and that he was satisfied with the service rendered by Officers Carraway and McNeer in the past and felt that policeman Carraway should be reinstated.

The statement of Jones brought about wide criticism from the people of Clarksdale. According to the Clarksdale Register both Jones and Barnes said that they were speaking only as individuals. Negro Ministers Reject Stand Taken By Jones and Others (SEE CARRAWAY Page Three)

Veterans \$200.00

J. H. Turnipseed, Chairman, Mrs. Dorothy R. Smith Assistant. Masonic Lodge - \$100.00

Henry Hudson, Chairman

Painters & Decorators \$50.00 (Continued on page Five)

R. T. R. M. HOWARD ON "BROWN AMERICA"

Dr. T. R. M. Howard, physician and surgeon of Mound Bayou, Mississippi, appeared on a program originated by WDIA, 50,000 watts radio station Memphis, Tennessee, Sunday, January 2, 1955. This program was originated by WDIA with Professor Nat. D. Williams, prominent educator of Memphis, Tennessee, presiding. WDIA presents this program to give Negroes of Memphis and the South a chance to express themselves about the trend of education and democracy.

Although the opinion of the Negroes do not at all times reflect the opinions of the station nor some Negroes, Dr. T. R. M. Howard was asked this question -- "What was the outstanding event to happen in Mississippi to Negroes in 1954?" As usual the Doctor came forward with his opinion and philosophy of the school question. The Doctor replied, "The most outstanding event to happen in Mississippi to Negroes in 1954 was after the ruling of the Supreme Court Decision, May 17th, that a group of weaklings Negroes, including two college presidents, went to the Governor's Office and made a deal with the Governor of Mississippi, Hugh L. White, to go along with Mississippi in promising voluntary segregation as a subterfuge for circumventing the ruling of the Supreme Court. Dr. Howard further said that when he heard what had happened by this group of weaklings that he proceeded to break it up in Mississippi. He gave himself credit for all of the outstanding happenings for good of Negroes of the State for 1954.

We believe that WDIA originated this program for the good of Negroes. Frankly speaking, we think it is a good program and should be continued for we know the president of the program, Professor Nat D. Williams; also the owners of the station, Mr. John R. Pepper and Mr. Bert Ferguson. They are good citizens, but evidently they do not know the Dr. Howard. People out of Mississippi or those in Mississippi who live distantly from him, do not know him. If he knew the

DR. T. R. M. HOWARD



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most outstanding event of 1954 and he could not own it as an achievement of his own, he would not have said it.

This paper wants to name the most outstanding event of 1954 in Mississippi or in any other Southern state. When Dr. Lawrence C. Jones of Piney Wood, Mississippi, appeared on the TV program, "This Is Your Life", and was given for his school from the hearts of the low income bracket of people of America over \$600,000. That was the most outstanding event in Mississippi or America for Negroes and Dr. Howard's acquisition that a group of Negroes bargain with Governor Hugh White to offer a subterfuge for the ruling of the Supreme Court (Dr. Howard Page Four)

Mound Bayou Host To District Teachers Association

On January 15, 1955 the Third District Teachers Association will convene in Mound Bayou, Miss. for its annual meeting.

The president of the association, B. T. Johnson, has announced that (Continued on page Five)



Left to right: Dr. Matthew Walker, Nashville, Tenn., president of the National Medical Association; Mrs. Winifreda Byrd Brown, Pittsburgh, Pa., president of the Girl Friends, and C.C. DeJole Jr., New Orleans, La., president of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, urge you to respond liberally to the 1955 March of Dimes, Jan. 3-31